

MINUTES

UTAH BOARD OF NURSING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

May 30, 2007

**Room 464 – 4th Floor –1:00 P.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 1:17 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 3:00 p.m.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Laura Poe
Shirlene Kimball

Conducting:

Diane Forster-Burke

Board Members Present:

Pam Rice
Mary Williams
Diane Forster-Burke
Helen Zsohar

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Stevens-Henager College:

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Stevens-Henager's College submitted an update regarding the Associate Degree in Nursing program. Ms. Poe indicated the program will begin offering nursing courses at the Ogden campus in July.

It was reported other Stevens-Henager campuses may offer support courses and the student can submit an application at any campus. Nursing applications are reviewed at the Ogden campus. Committee members expressed concern that a selection committee made up of nursing faculty does not chose the applicants. It appears the admission process has been decentralized and would not meet NLNAC criteria. This same concern is expressed regarding the clinical placements.

The students will attend the Ogden campus two days each week and go online two days each week. The clinical hours would be expanded geographically to accommodate students living outside the Ogden area. Committee members questioned whether or not this

update is consistent with the original agreement that was approved. Ms. Poe indicated that they did not present online nursing courses. However, rules do not prevent online courses. Committee members would like the program to have the student sign a disclaimer regarding transferring of hours. Dr. Zsohar stated it is misleading to say the Ogden campus will be the degree granting campus because the degree is offered by the school not by campus.

The update indicated the total number of nursing students would not exceed 140 students until the nursing board allows expansion. Committee members indicated that 140 students is a large number and is concerned because the initial request was for 120 students.

Committee members indicated another site visit needs to take place within the next two weeks. Ms. Forster-Burke, Dr. Williams and Ms. Poe will be the site visitors. The following needs to be clarified during the site visit: Is the curriculum different than in the original proposal? How much of the program is online. Request to see a schedule or documentation that students in out laying areas will show up at the Ogden campus two days a week. Clarify the qualifications regarding the director, review outcomes, and check to see if the program is consistent with what they were provisionally approved to do.

Review letter from Utah Career College:

Utah Career College submitted a list of current full time and adjunct nursing faculty; the curriculum vitae for Lynnell Fulkerson, a report addressing the NCLEX pass rates and a remediation report; copies of all contact with NLNAC; a summary of the adequacy of clinical sites; a summary of admittance criteria including the first cohort's overall and science GPA.

Committee members questioned how the program defines adjunct faculty. Does the adjunct faculty oversee the clinical experience in a certain area, give lectures, etc.? Request clarification whether or not each one is full or part time. Committee members stated it would also be helpful to see what courses the faculty members are teaching. Faculty members must be MSN prepared unless otherwise approved. There

is a faculty member listed that does not appear to meet the criteria and the program would have to justify why. Ms. Fulkerson is lacking in experience and degree to be the director/administrator. Dr. Zsohar stated she would like them to acknowledge accountability and this report does not accept accountability. The remediation plan indicates the goal is to have 95% of the graduates pass the NCLEX. Committee members indicated they should be looking at the national average and not setting themselves up with a goal that may be set too high. Committee members also stated using the ATI as a final exam is not appropriate since the ATI lets the program know where the students are in content area relative to a national group. If the student doesn't do well on the ATI as a final exam, does the student fail the course? The program needs to look more at what is taught and Committee members would have preferred the program recognize there needs to be an internal focus, what is taught, learning activities, strategies and outcomes.

Discussion regarding rules that need to be written or amended:

At the next meeting Committee members will need to determine the direction to take with the rules.

Review PN program proposal from Mountainland ATC:

Mountainland ATC would like to begin the practical nursing program January 2008 and will admit 20 students per session. The program has requested approval to begin advertising the program and looking for clinical slots. The proposal is very well written and addresses the questions from the Board. Committee members discussed granting provisional approval at this time, or whether provisional approval should be withheld until the full curriculum has been submitted. Dr. Zsohar stated that the faculty should be involved in developing the courses based on the approved course descriptions. She indicated the Committee would not need to see the entire course outline prior to provisional approval. However, the program can move forward and a site visit will be conducted in the fall to see if the lab is complete and other criteria is met. A Motion was made to grant provisional approval after completion of a site visit in the fall and if the program adheres to the standards regarding faculty members and clinical sites, and if labs are in place and the program is moving forward with curriculum development. The program can

proceed to advertise for faculty but cannot advertise that they are an approved program. Dr. Zsohar seconded the Motion. All Committee members in favor.

Medication Aide:

Ogden Weber ATC submitted an application for the MAC training program. Ms. Poe indicated that at the last meeting there was a discussion to change the curriculum and to allow Medication Aides to pass controlled substances in assisted living. Ms. Poe indicated there is a push to approve training programs however, the Board needs to address additional curriculum and is not at the point where training programs can be approved. Ogden Weber ATC will be informed we have received the application, but it will be placed on hold until the curriculum is revised. There is also concern that an RN who teaches in a CNA program and not the nursing education program is the teacher. Committee members believe nursing faculty members would have a broader knowledge of medications. Ms. Poe stated NCSBN has standards for medication aide faculty and their model allows CNA teachers to teach the MAC. If it is determined the CNA faculty can provide the training, that individual would need to submit his/her background and where he/she received education regarding medications. Committee members will review the information from NCSBN and work on the curriculum. There was a discussion to talk with Representative Lockhart and postpone the MAC implementation until the NCSBN Model MAC curriculum is voted upon in August.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

August 3, 2007

Diane Forster-Burke, Chair Education Committee, Board of Nursing

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Laura Poe, Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing